

Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes

March 28, 2007

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Harry Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Metroparks Lakefront Lodge in Willowick.

Mr. Allen welcomed visitors Mr. & Mrs. Bud French, Willowick Residents; Mr. Eric Hartog of Avery Dennison; and Ms. Eva Frano, Willowick Resident. Later in the meeting Mr. Vitas Cyvas of the Willowick Planning Commission joined us.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Messrs. Allen, Advey, Bochards (for Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells), Gilmer, Kish, Klco, Landeg, Rising, Rutledge, Welch, Zeitz and Ms. Keneven-Zanella. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Myers.

MINUTES

Mr. Allen corrected the last paragraph on page three of the January 23, 2007 minutes to read "design vs. armor stone".

Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2007 meeting and Mr. Klco seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

OLD BUSINESS

Lakeland Video

Mr. Boyd stated the video is complete and running this week on the Lakeland Community College channel. He is currently trying to see if Time Warner and the local community channels will run it. The 29-minute piece from the initial interviews is also airing.

A copy of the video will be sent to ODNR. Copies will also be available for any community or committee members who would like one.

A discussion on beach replenishment was discussed concerning the barrier islands in the development plan. The islands will require replenishment because littoral movement takes the sand down the shore. The type of cut sand that is planned to be used should keep this down. The barriers will need to be well planned and of the right size. The private Madison barriers seem to be working well, even in a year with a lot of erosion. These barriers work to take the energy out of the water.

Requests to Local High Schools

The Planning Commission has not heard back from any of the school principals in an effort to get some ideas/opinions of lakefront needs from the children.

The Chairman suggested following up with a letter and/or call.

Fairport and Eastlake Port Authorities

The Eastlake Port Authority has made a large grant request to help with dredging (sedimentation removal). They believe they have a good chance of receiving the grant.

Fairport Harbor has taken the lead in our development project by partnering with Hemisphere for a funding request of \$35,000,000 for the marina area. Fairport Harbor is the applicant. The Hemisphere development project may provide the 25% match and will receive a portion of this grant. Fairport is on the move downtown between 3rd and 4th Streets with purchasing by investors thinking of the big picture if the dollars come through for the marina.

Mr. Webster said the Lake County Planning Commission supplied a lot of background work for the application. This may be the first project we will see from this initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake County Port Authority

Mr. Boyd provided information on the Lake County Port Authority that was created by Resolution on February 22, 2007. Its jurisdiction will be the entire County, excluding the territories of the existing port authorities in Eastlake, Fairport Harbor, Grand River and the Greater Mentor Port Authority. The County Port Authority Board will be appointed by the County Commissioners, will consist of seven members with staggered four-year terms, and can be dissolved at any time upon adoption of a resolution from the County Commissioners. It is primarily an economic tool for business creation and attraction to Lake County.

Even though the existing port authorities have chosen not to join the County Port Authority, they will still be able to use it as an economic tool. The existing port authorities will not have any say on the Board.

Next Step

Mr. Webster said the Planning Commission needs to keep a connection with the County Port Authority and assist local communities. It doesn't stop at this point; this Committee will continue. We will update base studies and look at new priorities, new ideas and get in the pipeline and work with the County Port Authority.

The Committee has private, municipal and philanthropic associations. We are now in a position to go forward with challenge grant requests.

U.S. Army Corps Grant

Mr. Boyd informed the committee of a federally funded feasibility study regarding flooding. In light of the July rain event, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Allen discussed the potential of a levee-type flood relief mechanism at the northern most tip of the Grand River. This mechanical device could be engaged during high volume events emptying water into Lake Erie.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would supply the first \$100,000 of the necessary funds if they were to select this conceptual idea. Mr. Boyd has contacted Fairport Harbor and Painesville officials. If they agree this is worth pursuing, Mr. Boyd will draft the necessary paperwork.

It was also suggested that certain riparian areas should be returned to their natural state. This would provide the best form of flood protection.

Community Reports

Madison Twp. – Mr. Advey: Money is still available for park enhancements at Township Park. Mr. Boyd will begin to work with the Township to examine park alternatives.

N. Perry Village – Mr. Klco: They have contracted with JJR to come up with a plan for Townline Park's waterfront. The Council is still looking to keep this beach private for their residents. JJR is to get back with them in the near future. They are not expecting anything to be done this year.

Perry Twp. – Mr. Haskell: They have been waiting to see what the Coastal Plan Committee will do. They have researched the soil nailing technique to stabilize the bluff.

Willowick – Mr. Rising – We are looking forward to the western end of Lake County being considered in the coastal development planning of this Committee. There have been a couple Larimore condos sold. Developers came to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a new plan for where the creek comes through. They are now working on a larger area on the east side of the creek.

The west end of the Shoregate shopping center is down and a new subdivision will be constructed.

Mr. Landeg indicated a potential public access point near Lakeshore Blvd/323rd St. A storm water outfall has created a serious problem for local landowner(s). If purchased by the City, it would increase lake access.

NEXT MEETING

The place of the next meeting will be determined at a later date. All members will be contacted with details.

ADJOURNMENT

An update of the Fairport Harbor funding should be reported within 45 days and Mr. Boyd will keep the members informed by e-mail.

Mr. Gilmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. Welch seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Chairman suggested following up with the schools by letter or phone to find out how to address a request to have the teens provide information, suggestions and drawings on the lakefront.
- A copy of the video will be sent to ODNR and copies will also be available for any community or committee member who would like one. Contact Mr. Boyd.
- Re-establish contacts for the Madison and Perry plans.